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Fundacion pa Nos Comunidad receives Afls. 6,020 from local bars during World Cup promotion of Balashi



Last Friday there was a festive occasion at Balashi Beergarden. Fundacion pa nos Comunidad received a check of Awg. 6,020 of different local bars that participated in a Balashi World Cup promotion in order to generate funds for the foundation. Present at the occasion were Claudie Wegdam (project coordinator), Jacky Morel (vice president), Daniel Tecklenborg (Board member), and the managers of the bars that participated in the promotion.

Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC) is currently handing out approximately 100 food packages to people and families that do not have enough money to make it through the month. The content varies, but weekly about 300 people receive food, beverages and hygienic products. They have been registered by different professional and voluntary organizations that determined whether families need to receive monthly, bi-

weekly or weekly food packages. Together with these organizations it is also reviewed if there's a structural solution to be found for the situation of the different families so that they will no longer need to be dependent on the food bank. More than 200 families have been inscribed and there's a waiting list of approx 800 families.

95% of the food packages is being bought by FPNC at cost price + 5% with different wholesalers. FPNC is paying an average of Awg. 25 per person for a food package. With that, weekly expenses are around Afsl. 7,500, which is a large amount for the FPNC to gather in order to provide the services. The other products are donations of wholesalers and supermarkets. FPNC is hoping that the percentage free products in the near future will get bigger.

FNPC is extremely happy with the Balashi World Cup promotion at Buster's Garage, Cafe the Plaza, Hooters, Hard Rock Cafe and T.G.I. Fridays. Over 240 people can receive a

food package because of the amount of Afsl. 6,020 that was donated. FPNC wants to thank the participating bars, Balashi Brewery, and all the customers who drank the half liters of Balashi beer during this promotion for their support and contribution during this successful activity.

Of course everyone can support the community. For example if every employee in Aruba would give a monthly donation of between Afsl. 1 and Afsl. 5, a lot of families could be helped. Simply and without a lot of effort.

The next event by FPNC is the 'Yes, we CAN FOOD DRIVE', at the parking lot of

the Post Office in Oranjestad, Saturday, August 28. from noon to 6 p.m. That day everyone can bring food in cans, packages, bags of boxes. More information about this activity will follow in all the media. A flyer with the information will also be distributed.

FPNC needs the help and cooperation of everyone in Aruba; companies, private individuals, foundations etc. "Only by working together can we make a difference for the people that need it," a spokesperson says.

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Dutch leave Afghanistan after four years

KABUL, Afghanistan (AFP) - Dutch troops ended their mission in Afghanistan Sunday after four "proud" years, in a departure which experts said signals the beginning of a drawdown of foreign forces that will leave a worrying void.

The pull-out is the first significant drawdown of troops from the Afghan war, now in its ninth year, and comes as Taliban-led violence worsens and US forces suffered their worst month for casualties.

Landmark cluster bomb treaty takes effect

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) - A landmark international treaty to ban cluster munitions took effect yesterday, requiring signatories to stop the use, production and transfer of the deadly weapons.

Pope Benedict XVI hailed the ban and joined calls for all countries to sign up to the deal that also obliges those that have ratified it to destroy their stockpiles of the bombs.

Troops held a "change of command" ceremony at the main military base in central Uruzgan province, where most of the country's 1,950 soldiers have been deployed, a Dutch embassy official said.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), which had asked the Dutch to extend their mission by a year, paid tribute to the Netherlands' contribution and said it would maintain its current capacity in the area.

China, Russia, the United States and Israel are among those that have rejected the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions, ratified by around 37 countries and signed by 107.

The big military powers that have not signed up are thought to hoard and manufacture the bulk of the munitions, although the data is secret.

The United States alone accounts for cluster bombs or shells containing around 800 million bomblets, according to the Cluster Munition Coalition, citing US congressional records.

The munitions split open before impact and scatter multiple -- often hundreds -- of smaller submunitions, or plastic bomblets, the size and shape of a tennis ball or a table lighter over a wide area.

Many of them fail to explode immediately and can lie hidden for years, killing and maiming civilians, including children, even decades after the original conflict is over in countries such as Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

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Pakistan flood toll tops 1,100 as cholera emerges



Pakistani flood survivors fight for food at a distribution point in Nowshera yesterday. The death toll from Pakistan's worst floods in living memory topped 1,100 as outbreaks of waterborne disease emerged and penniless survivors sought refuge from the raging torrents. More than 1.5 million people have been affected by monsoon rains, flash floods and landslides in the northwest province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and at least another 47 have died in Pakistani-administered Kashmir, officials said. Thousands of homes and vast swathes of farmland have been destroyed in a region of Pakistan reeling from years of extremist bloodshed. The US government is rushing helicopters, boats, bridges, water units and other supplies to Pakistan as part of an 10-million-dollar aid pledge. China, which has also been hit by severe flooding, announced a 10 million yuan (1.5 million dollar) donation, according to the official Xinhua news agency, which cited a government website. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner expressed his country's "solidarity" with Pakistan and said France supported the European Union's humanitarian aid effort.

Russia forest fires spread in record heatwave

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Russian firefighters yesterday battled the flames of spreading forest fires that have already killed 30 people, destroyed villages and mobilized hundreds of thousands of emergency workers.

The emergency situations ministry said it deployed almost 240,000 workers to fight the blazes, along with 2,000 members of the armed forces.

The ministry described the situation early yesterday as having "taken a sharp turn for the worse," blaming temperatures hitting 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) and strong winds. More than 5,000 people had been evacuated from their homes.

Later in the day, ministry

spokeswoman Irina Andrianova announced that the situation had "improved considerably" in the last few hours.

"During the day today, fires flared up at 320 sites, and 210 have been put out," she said on Rossia 24 television.

She also said the total area

engulfed by the wildfires had been reduced by 7,000 hectares to 128,000 hectares (316,000 acres).

Still, with blistering temperatures forecast over the next few days in affected regions, the ministry has warned of an "extreme risk" of more forest fires.

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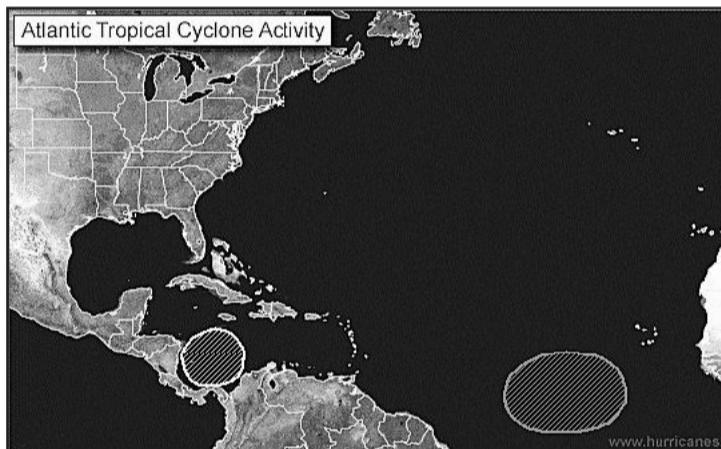
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Tropical wave in Atlantic likely to become a depression



MIAMI, Florida -- The tropical wave in the Central Atlantic continued to strengthen overnight.

It was given a 60 percent – or high – chance of developing into a tropical depression or storm over the next two days, the National Hurricane Center said in its tropical outlook today.

"Conditions appear conducive for development of a tropical depression over the next day or so as the disturbance moves generally westward at 5 to 10 mph," hurricane specialists Stacy Stewart and Todd Kimberlain wrote in the advisory.

Models currently aim the system toward the northern Lesser Antilles. If that holds, it would approach those islands on about Thursday.

But the models likely will shift in upcoming forecasts.

So, again, it's just something to keep an eye on as it's far too early to say where it will go, whether it will threaten land or how strong it will get.

The next named storm, by the way, will be named Colin. The hurricane center continues to monitor a tropical wave in the southwestern Caribbean, giving it a low chance of development.

Dutch military mission to Afghanistan ends

KABUL, Afghanistan -- The Dutch military mission to Afghanistan formally ended yesterday with a flag-changing ceremony at Kamp Holland, the main Dutch base over the past four years.

The Dutch role is being taken over by American and Australian soldiers. No senior Dutch military staff or politicians attended the ceremony, news agency ANP reported.

Most of the 1,400 Dutch soldiers who were stationed in the southern province of Uruzgan have now left. The rest are preparing equipment to be brought back to the Netherlands.

In total 24 Dutch soldiers were killed and 140 injured in the four years the Netherlands has been part of the Nato mission.

Tax revenue considerably lower in the first five months of 2010

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin for April and May 2010

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its (combined) Monthly Bulletin of April and May 2010 that the total tax revenue in the first five months of 2010 fell by Afl. 52.9 million (14.1 percent). One of the main reasons for this drop was the lowering of the turnover tax rate from 3 percent to 1.5 percent which resulted in an Afl. 28.4 million decrease in these receipts. Furthermore, the lower profit tax receipts (Afl. 11.1 million), import duties (Afl. 5.8 million), and gambling licence fees (Afl. 3.9 million) contributed to the decline as well.

The number of stay-over visitors for the first five months improved (3.9 percent) compared to 2009 (-6.2 percent). However, nominal tourism receipts grew only slightly (1.0 percent). On the other hand, the number of cruise passengers in the first five months decreased by 7.4 percent. In the months of April and May, the number of visitors from Venezuela dropped by 33.2 percent and 27.5 percent respectively. This could be ascribed to the struggling Venezuelan economy, combined with the foreign exchange restrictions imposed by the Venezuelan authorities with regard to traveling. In May, the number of visitors from the Netherlands expanded considerably (25.0 percent). This growth is probably also induced by the promotion campaign that started at the end of 2009 in the Netherlands together with an increase in airline seating capacity as earlier this year KLM resumed its flights to Aruba.

The real turnover tax revenue (BBO) over June 2010 rose by 6.7 percent, suggesting a positive economic development in May 2010. It is interesting to note that this is the first month since August 2009 that a growth has been recorded.

The consumer price index (CPI) of June 2010 registered an increase of 1.8 percent. The 12-month average inflation rate, which is considered an indicator of price movements on the longer term, fell by 0.7 percentage points to 1.7 percent in June 2010 when compared to June 2009. The deflationary trend that started in August 2009 ended in April 2010 when a 0.6 percent increase in prices was recorded. The inflation differential with the United States, our main trading partner, decreased to 0.8 percentage points in June 2010, compared to 1.0 percentage point in the corresponding month a year earlier.

The money supply in April and May 2010 went up by, respectively, Afl. 25.1 million and Afl. 26.6 million

to Afl. 3,294.6 million. In April, this expansion was caused mostly by a net inflow of funds from abroad totaling Afl. 21.5 million. Also, there was an increase in net domestic assets of Afl. 3.5 million. The change in May was brought about by a growth in net domestic assets of Afl. 41.3 million, which was partially mitigated by a net outflow of foreign funds totaling Afl. 14.7 million. Accordingly, net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) rose to Afl. 1,527.1 million at the end of May 2010, which is Afl. 67.4 million, or 4.6 percent, more than the amount recorded in the corresponding month of 2009.

In June, the CBA assisted the government with the placement on the domestic market of, respectively, Afl. 100.0 million in 10-year government bonds at par with an annual yield of 5.5 percent and Afl. 80.0 million in 15-year government bonds at par with an annual yield of 6.0 percent.



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Jeanine pre-school sends off nine little ones to Kindergarten



pupils are now off to kindergarten.

The bus tour took them to Ayo Rock Formation, Natural Bridge, the Cookie House at Bloemond, Casibari and also drove by in front of the hotels and the California Lighthouse. The tour ended at McDonald's Santa Cruz where Yviengelly Raven, Sue-Gylaine Sophia, Gilmery Kock, Keven Nicolaas, Giano Petrochi, Dylan Cardona, Theron Kelly, Alejandro Kelly and Quishawn Diana received their diplomas. Congratulations to all the graduates.

Photos show moments of the happy occasion.

Courtesy of Farrah Boekhoudt



Recently, Jeanine pre-school organized a bus tour for its children, combined with a graduation ceremony. Nine



Island Birds



Trupial



Prikichi eating a cactus fruit



Trupial Cacho



Chuchubi

One of the best times to go exploring is early in the morning; the sun is not so hot yet, and also you are treated to some special sights - like the colorful island birds busy feeding. I have picked up people just before sunrise to take them out to see the tropical and water birds that inhabit our island; we have many kinds, almost 200, but I will only talk about some of the most famous today.



A little thief

A little yellow bird we call a Barica Geel, or Yellow Belly, is common throughout the Caribbean and known as a Bananaquit and they do so like sweet things. They are brave little birds, and if you leave some sugar or an open packet of jam out for them, they will come right to your table.

Aruba's national bird is the Trupial; it has very distinctive coloring - bright orange with black and white flashes - a real tropical bird. It has a very lovely song, not like the other beautiful yellow bird we call Trupial Cacho, which will make you want to cover your ears!

Also very loud and screechy is our famous Prikichi, the brilliant green and yellow parrots you often find perched on cactus, because they love the fruit. It is rare to find them alone, they are usually a pair or sometimes four or five together, and how they chatter! They love to talk and talk back and forth, so you always know well in advance when there are prikichis near, though sometimes they are hard to spot in a tree full of



Barica Geel

green foliage.

Another bird that is found everywhere and has a very beautiful song is the Chuchubi, which looks plain until they spread their wings; then they take your breath away.

We have so many birds, but these are the most typical of the island and live here all year round; I don't think there is enough space on this page to talk of the many birds that come and go during their migrations and live by the water, so I save that for another day.

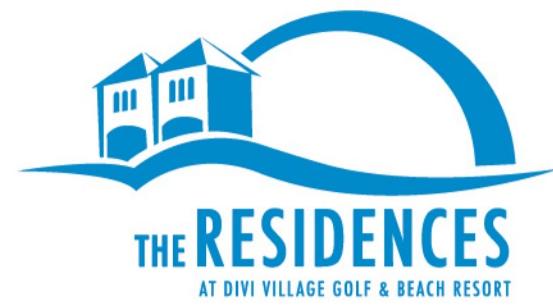
EDITOR-MADI KELKBOOM'S STORIES OF ARUBA run in THE MORNING NEWS every Monday. Her family has lived here for more than five generations, and she shares her love of the island and her knowledge of its lore, nature and traditions with us and her guests. Visitors can indulge in one of her very personal and limited seating tours by calling 746-1397 or 749-7494. Enjoy!

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Amsterdam's canal district: remnant of Dutch golden age



Photo taken shows the canal in Amsterdam, one of the 32 natural wonders and cultural treasure to join UNESCO's top world heritage list.

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Amsterdam's 17th century canal district, added this weekend to UNESCO's World Heritage List, is a remnant of the Dutch Golden Age, a time when the city led the world in art, trade and architecture.

The zone is composed of four curved canals that run

parallel to each other and half encircle the Amsterdam city centre, including its famous red light district -- the Singel, the Herengracht, the Keizergracht and the Prinsengracht.

The canals are 14 kilometres (8.7 miles) long in total, and are crossed by 80 bridges. The total surface

area is 160 hectares, measuring 3.5 kilometres from east to west.

The bank of the outermost Prinsengracht canal houses the world-famous Anne Frank House and the Westerkerk church whose bell the Jewish teenager wrote about in her diary while in hiding

from the Nazis.

"The Amsterdam canal belt is unique in the world as an urban developmental and architectural artwork," the Amsterdam municipality says in a document backing its UNESCO bid.

It is an example of the city's 17th century economic, political and cultural blossoming -- a time when Amsterdam was the "warehouse of the world".

"The Amsterdam inner city is the most successful example of early modern city planning in Europe," states the document, and the canal belt "a masterpiece of hydraulic engineering".

"An ingenious system of fixed and moveable bridges, sluices and locks, which are still functional today, regulated the water level and the unrestricted circulation of land and water traffic," states the document.

According to the Amsterdam tourism bureau, 38 percent of tourists come to Amsterdam to see the protected canal belt, which houses 8,000 monuments.

The Netherlands now has nine UNESCO-listed heritage sites, including an 18th century collection of windmills in Kinderdijk in the west of the country and the colonial-style city centre of Willemstad, capital of the Antilles island of Curaao that forms part of the Dutch kingdom.

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Science/Tech

Florida's Everglades put on world heritage endangered list



BRASILIA (AFP) — Florida's Everglades and Madagascar's tropical forest were added Friday to a list of imperiled world heritage sites by UNESCO officials who also registered lesser threats to Peru's Machu Picchu ruins and the Galapagos Islands.

The decision by the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, meeting in Brazil's capital, brought to 35 the number of unique cultural or environmental sites considered to be in danger.

Other spots included on the list were Georgia's Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery, and the Buganda Kingdom Tombs in Uganda.

The committee determined that the Everglades National Park, a mangrove swamp sanctuary for birds and reptiles in southeast United States, "because of serious and continuing degradation of its aquatic ecosystem."

Water inflows have been greatly reduced and pollution levels have increased to a point that marine life is dying off, it said.

It was the second time the Everglades has been inscribed on the list. The first time was between 1993 and 2007 because of hurricane damage, deviation of its water supply for encroaching urban centers, and pollution from agricultural flow-off.

Madagascar's Rainforests of Atsinanana were put on the list due to excessive illegal logging and poaching of lemurs on the island following political upheaval sparked by a March 2009

coup.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the body that advises UNESCO on world heritage sites, said the forests were home to many unique species who were under threat.

On Thursday, the committee announced it was putting the cathedral and monastery in Georgia on the list because of unauthorized reconstruction work.

The Ugandan royal tombs were added because of a devastating fire this year.

While Peru's Machu Picchu was not added to the list of sites in danger, UNESCO noted recommendations that the 15th century Incan ruins be put under close watch because of severe flooding this year.

The Galapagos Islands, located off Ecuador's coast, were removed from the list under a Brazilian demand meant to reflect progress Quito had made to preserve the archipelago, made famous by Charles Darwin's 1835 study that supported his theory of evolution.

But the IUCN criticized the move, calling it "premature."

"Threats from tourism, invasive species and overfishing are still factors and the situation in the Galapagos remains critical," said Tim Badman, who heads the IUCN's World Heritage Program.

Among the notable sites maintained on the list is Jerusalem, which was included in 1982 because of excavations threatening some of its 220 historic monuments.

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UAE to suspend BlackBerry service



DUBAI -- The United Arab Emirates will suspend some BlackBerry services starting October 11, officials said Sunday.

Authorities said the suspension will remain until an "acceptable solution can be developed and applied which brings the BlackBerry services in line with the UAE's telecommunications regulations."

Etisalat, a UAE-based telecommunications services provider, said it was notified of the suspension Sunday.

Telecom officials will suspend BlackBerry services providing email, web browsing, instant messaging and social networking, according to Etisalat.

Research in Motion (RIMM), the maker of the BlackBerry, was not immediately available for comment.

HEALTH

Seven hours the magic number for sleep



WASHINGTON (AFP) — People who sleep more or fewer than seven hours a day, including naps, are increasing their risk for cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, a study published Sunday shows.

Sleeping fewer than five hours a day, including naps, more than doubles the risk of being diagnosed with angina, coronary heart disease, heart attack or stroke, the study conducted by researchers at West Virginia University's (WVU) faculty of medicine and published in the journal "Sleep" says.

And sleeping more than seven hours also increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, it says.

Study participants who said they slept nine hours or longer a day were one-and-a-half times more likely than seven-hour sleepers to develop cardiovascular disease, the study found.

The most at-risk group was adults under 60 years of age who slept five hours or fewer a night. They increased their risk of developing cardiovascular disease more than threefold compared to people who sleep seven hours.

Women who skimped on sleep, getting five hours or fewer a day, including naps, were more than two-and-a-half times as likely to develop cardiovascular disease.

Short sleep duration was associated with angina, while both sleeping too little and sleeping too much were associated with heart attack and stroke, the study says.

A separate study, also published in "Sleep", showed that an occasional long lie-in can be beneficial for those who can't avoid getting too little sleep.

In that study, David Dinges, who heads the sleep and chronobiology unit at the University of Pennsylvania school of medicine, found that 142 adults whose sleep

was severely restricted for five days -- as it is for many people during the work week -- had slower reaction times and more trouble focusing.

But after a night of recovery sleep, the sleep-deprived study participants' alertness improved significantly, and the greatest improvements were seen in those who were allowed to spend 10 hours in bed after a week with just four hours' sleep a night.

"An additional hour or two of sleep in the morning after a period of chronic partial sleep loss has genuine benefits for continued recovery of behavioral alertness," Dinges said.

In the study about sleep and cardiovascular disease, researchers led by Anoop Shankar, associate professor at WVU's department of community medicine, analyzed data gathered in a national US study in 2005 on more than 30,000 adults.

The results were adjusted for age, sex, race, whether the person smoked or drank, whether they were fat or slim, and whether they were active or a couch potato.

And even when study participants with diabetes, high blood pressure or depression were excluded from the analysis, the strong association between too much or too little sleep and cardiovascular disease remained.

The authors of the WVU study were unable to determine the causal relationship between how long a person sleeps and cardiovascular disease.

But they pointed out that sleep duration affects endocrine and metabolic functions, and sleep deprivation can lead to impaired glucose tolerance, reduced insulin sensitivity and elevated blood pressure, all of which increase the risk of hardening the arteries.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends that most adults get about seven to eight hours of sleep each night.

Shankar suggested that doctors screen for changes in sleep duration when assessing patients' risk for cardiovascular disease, and that public health initiatives consider including a focus on improving sleep quality and quantity.

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Vatican slams US green light for human stem cell trial

VATICAN CITY (AFP) — The Vatican on Saturday condemned as "unacceptable" the green light given by US regulators to a clinical trial for a treatment based on human embryonic stem cells.

"Despite the efforts that are made to deny it, science continues to show us that the embryo is a human being in the making," Elio Sgreccia, emeritus head of the Pontifical Academy for life, told Radio Vatican.

Embryos are "sacrificed to extract the stem cells from them," Sgreccia argued, saying that such a technique "from an ethical point of view can only receive a negative judgment."

US biotech firm Geron

Grapefruit

Did you know that grapefruit is best eaten when fresh and chilled as this maximises its vitamin C content?

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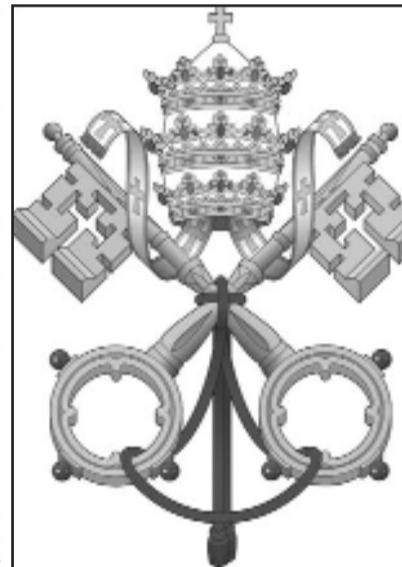
Citrus fruit can be eaten freely. Two or three citrus fruits can provide the body with 20 percent of its potassium requirements.

Key benefits

All citrus fruit are excellent sources of Vitamin C, which helps to maintain the body's defences. The flavonoid naringenin is found in grapefruit. It is thought to reduce the risk of some cancers. Grapefruit can improve blood circulation and lower blood cholesterol levels.

Maximising the benefits

Grapefruit is best eaten peeled and raw. This is more beneficial than grapefruit juice. It is important also to eat the skin around the segments. Grapefruit is best eaten when fresh and chilled as this maximizes its vitamin C content.



Corp. announced on Friday it had been cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to carry out the world's first clinical trials using stem cells derived from human embryos.

It plans to test the therapy on patients paralysed by

spinal-cord injury.

Embryonic stem cells are highly versatile, primitive cells capable of developing into any tissue of the body.

The trial's goal is to inject cells into the spines of paralysed volunteers in the hope that this will prompt damaged nerve cells to regrow, enabling the patients eventually to recover feeling and movement.

The Geron trial won initial FDA approval in January last year but was put on hold because of safety concerns.

The Catholic Church is opposed to therapeutic research on stem cells drawn from human embryos, although not if the stem cells are drawn from the umbilical cord or parts of the adult body such as the intestine or the retina.

Tip: Signs You May Have Sleep Apnea



When breathing pauses or becomes shallow during sleep

Sleep apnea, most often characterized by loud snoring, occurs when breathing pauses briefly or becomes shallow during sleep. This often results in poor sleep and can make a person very tired during the day.

The U.S. National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute says common symptoms of sleep apnea may include:

- * Very loud and persistent snoring, with occasional pauses. Choking or gasping sounds may follow these pauses.
- * Snoring that is worse when sleeping on the back.
- * Daytime drowsiness.
- * Having a headache or a dry throat when the person wakes in the morning.
- * Difficulty concentrating, learning and remembering. Irritability, depression or changes in personality.



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“Make some noise” for Art Rules Aruba!



Aruba's Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad was packed to capacity for the showcase performance of Art Rules Aruba, a 2-week cultural program for island youth organized by former island residents Ayra and Ira Kip. The twin sisters, born in Holland, lived on the island from the time they were 10 until going on to higher education, and since that time 14 years ago, have been determined to bring to Aruban youth a diversity of art training they could not find during their years on the island.

Their cultural foundation, The Pancake Gallery, is dedicated to organizing educational

programs and events; for the inaugural ARA they brought a roster of internationally accomplished artists to mentor 250 island youth in 7 disciplines. On Saturday, July 31, the various arts were combined to provide an entertaining and enlightening mélange of what Aruba's aspiring young artists have to offer. After only two weeks of half-day classes the results were encouraging, as the successful stimulation for self expression amongst island youth, the prime purpose of ARA, was evident.

The evening's program began in Cas di Cultura's exposition room where the Fashion students of Richard Mkoloma and Muriel Salimin displayed and combined their work with the Photography students of Cye Wong Loi Sing, and Justin "Top Rock" McKenzie. Spectators enjoyed a fashion show of the exuberant creations, which was repeated in the main auditorium, while the cameras of the photography students clicked away.

The principal program began with the poetry class mentored by J Ivy and Zanillya Farrell voicing the cry of youth emerging into adulthood "I Am!" declared their students, as they expressed their right to

be individuals battling against parents and peers to a conformity that stifles them. The heartfelt poetry was very much a symbol of what ARA was all about—providing Aruban youth the tools to self expression and to feel confident about recognizing their talent and exposing their thoughts, feelings and creativity.

The art of being a DJ was taught by Jason "Motet" Hicks and Sean "DJ Face" Armstrong; their students combined their lessons with those of the dance classes of John Agesilas and Melissa Flerangile in a polished and energetic



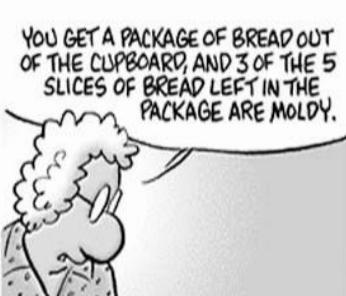
Dance instructors John Agesilas and Melissa Flerangile lead the class.

performance. Drama classes with Kamila Forbes and Jordan Mahome produced a number of vignettes from Shakespeare's Macbeth to today's movies. The film class taught by expatriate Joseph A Cohen-Henriquez resulted in some very interesting film shorts employing extremely creative editing techniques. Among them was a tribute to Aruban Percy Irausquin, who died 2 years ago of a brain aneurism at the age of 39. Percy had interned at famous French design houses and was at the brink of being recognized as one of Europe's top designers, his creations already the signature choice of film stars and aristocracy at his untimely

death.

The first ARA was a huge success thanks to the Kip sisters and the talented professionals willing to dedicate their time to bringing this cultural experience to island youth. The sisters expressed their gratitude to the principal sponsors Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority, Playa Linda, La Cabana and Marriott Resorts, Aruba Airport Authority, ArubaBank, Tropical Bottling, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernest & Young and Deloitte accounting firms as well as UNOCA, Stichting Padu Lampe and the Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds.

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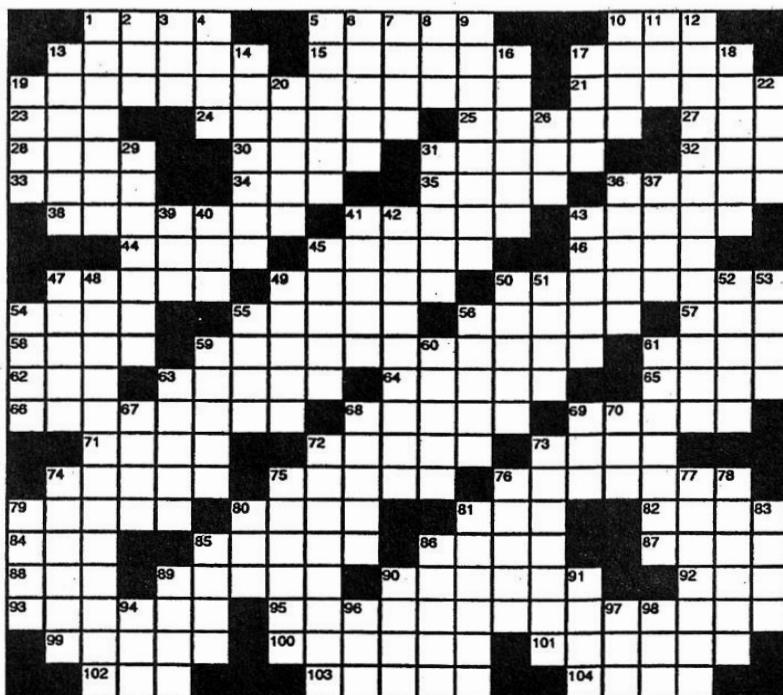
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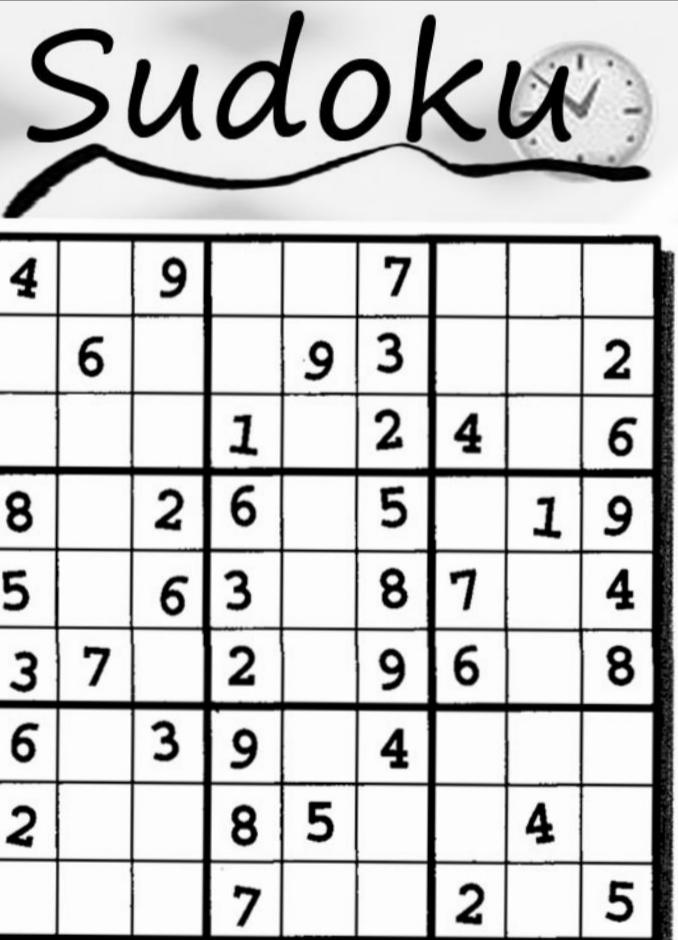
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by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

In this Tip I'm going to go over a concept in which, as you read it, you're probably going to say, "Has Ken gone off his rocker?"

No I haven't, and as you read you will see why this concept will help you get droves of customers.

Concept: acquiring customers at a break-even, or slight loss, and making substantial profits on the back end.

This is one of the most overlooked and under-utilized methods of customer growth and generation you have available.

But it can't work for you until you first recognize a very important fact...

If your business is one that has a high probability of customers coming back over and over again to re-purchase frequently from you, you must do everything within your power to get customers into the buying stream as quickly and easily as you possibly can.

transaction, yet you will have enormous profits on all the repeat transactions you did with them over the future?"

So the concept is this...

When I consult with companies, I have them do an exercise called the Lifetime Value of a customer.

This is a very important exercise for you to go through. Why? Because until you first identify and understand exactly how much combined profit a customer means to your business for the life of that relationship, you can't begin to know how much time, effort, and expense you can afford to invest to acquire that customer in the first place.

Many businesses make a substantial amount of their profit from customers who keep repurchasing from them over and over again, for years and even over decades.

All of those repurchases put a substantial amount of increased profit in your bank account, and ultimately into your pocket.

Very little of your profit would be there if you didn't bring those customers into your business in the first place.

So let's think about, not the beginning of the relationship, but the continuation and recurring purchases that result from bringing customers into your business.

I'd like to ask you this question...

"How much would it be worth if you could bring in an extra 100, or 1000 customers this month and every month and you didn't make a single solitary dime on the initial

transaction, yet you will have enormous profits on all the repeat transactions you did with them over the future?"

What I want to share with you now are some actual examples and stories of how a few interesting companies increased their customer or profits, merely by shifting their focus away from trying to make a huge profit on the acquisition of a new customer.

Instead they were content to make their real profit on all the repeat purchases that resulted from those new customers.

I bet you can think of many more than the ones I'm going to go over this week.

The classic examples that come to everyone's mind are the Book of the Month Clubs, and the music CD clubs.

Why would you imagine a big, well-known company like the Columbia Club, or the Book Of The Month Club, would be willing to send you six, or ten or twelve tapes, books, or CD's, for a dollar?

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They want to do everything possible to make it easy and attractive to get you started buying and using their service in the first place.

They do tens of millions of dollars a year from the people that come in from that break-even proposition.

In the next tip, I'll give you a few examples of some of my consulting clients and how I helped them increase their customer base many times over, just from breaking even on the initial sale.

Till then, keep healthy.

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US files labor rights case against Guatemala

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States announced on the weekend it would file a case against Guatemala for apparent labor rights violations under a central American free trade agreement.

This is the first labor case the United States has ever brought against a trade agreement partner, President Barack Obama's top trade official said.

"Today, I am announcing that the Obama administration will file a case against Guatemala under our trade agreement with Central America and the Dominican Republic, for apparent violations of obligations on labor rights," US Trade Representative Ron

Kirk said in a speech in Pennsylvania.

He said the case would send "a strong message" to US trading partners to protect their own workers and that the Obama administration "will not tolerate labor violations that place US workers at a disadvantage."

"We are prepared to enforce the full spectrum of American trade rights from labor to the environment," he said.

Kirk said that the United States was also "very concerned" that the problem of labor-related violence was becoming "increasingly serious" in Guatemala.

"We will be working with

partners across the Obama administration to examine and take up this issue with Guatemala as well in the near future," he said.

The Guatemala government's apparent failure to effectively enforce its labor laws harmed US workers by forcing them to compete against "sub-standard labor practices and tilts the playing field away from American workers and businesses," Kirk charged.

"By holding the government of Guatemala accountable to its labor commitments under the CAFTA-DR we can help to ensure that US businesses and workers are able to compete on fair terms,"

he added.

The US action came more than two years after top US labor union group AFL-CIO and six Guatemalan unions officially filed claims that the Guatemalan government failed to effectively enforce laws linked to freedom of association, the right to bargain collectively, and acceptable working conditions.

In Guatemala, the US action was welcomed by a federation of unions of agro-industrial workers.

"It's a first step in the fight to guarantee that labor rights are respected," said David Morales, the federation's secretary general.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political



tually be a community of 200 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.



stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community, and here the prices of properties have only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years.

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took it from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home on Aruba will even-

owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking in 2007 are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, many earning their mortgage payments by renting regularly. The design of the structures is open, airy and impressive, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality con-

kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to provide custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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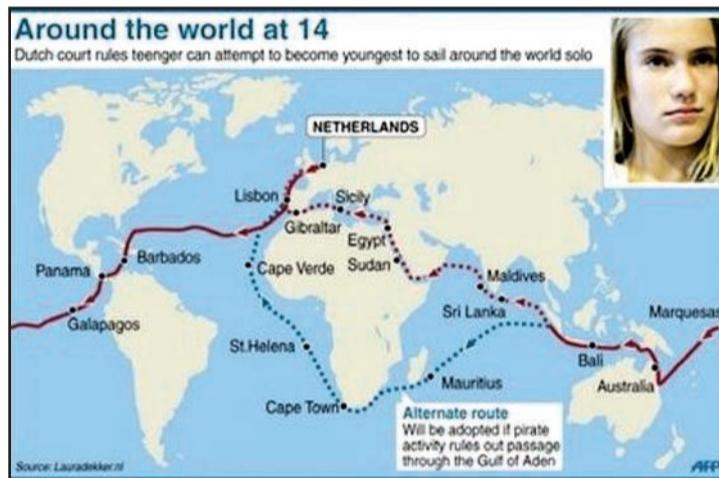
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Teen Dutch sailor to head off Wednesday for solo world bid



A map showing the route Laura Dekker plans to take on her global voyage



Laura Dekker in the harbour of Brouwershaven, the Netherlands

THE HAGUE, The netherlands (AFP) – Fourteen-year-old Dutch sailor Laura Dekker said she will leave on Wednesday for Portugal from where she will launch her bid to become the youngest person to sail around the world solo.

"It is great that I can now officially go, and that will be on Wednesday 4 August at 9:00 a.m.," Dekker announced on her Internet site Saturday.

A district court last week rejected a request by a child care council to extend state supervision over the teenager to stop her from attempting the record sail, citing fears for her social and emotional well-being.

Dekker will on Wednesday sail from the small southeastern port of Den Osse with her father, with whom she has

lived on a boat there since March, the ANP news agency reported.

"The trip officially starts from Portugal and so it is not a problem if people, in this case my father, sail with me to that point," she said.

Dekker said her father would help her to test her yacht Guppy, and "improve the last little things," before she takes the boat around the world.

The date for the launch of her official solo bid had not yet been fixed, she said.

Dekker, who has the backing of her parents for the venture, would have to complete the trip at the latest four days before her 17th birthday on September 20, 2012, in order to set a new record.

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'Overwhelming emotion' as Chelsea Clinton marries

RHINEBECK, New York (AFP) – Chelsea Clinton married her longtime boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky at a heavily guarded wedding on a luxury country estate outside New York.

Former president Bill Clinton and current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke of their "great pride and overwhelming emotion" after their only child and the Wall Street banker tied the knot in rural Rhinebeck on Saturday.

The nuptials, which took place on the picturesque Astor Courts estate in balmy summer weather, ended weeks of increasingly fevered speculation in response to a news blackout imposed by the Clintons.

"We could not have asked for a more perfect day to celebrate the beginning of their life together, and we are so happy to welcome Marc into our family," Chelsea's parents -- one of America's most powerful couples -- said in a statement after the ceremony.

Intrigue about the wedding reached a climax Saturday as journalists and celebrity watchers flooded Rhinebeck in hopes of spotting stars among the approximately 500 guests.

They were reported to have included former secretary of state Madeleine Albright, top designer Vera Wang and Hollywood actor Ted Danson, although confirmations were elusive.

Not spotted were some of the bigger A-list guests such as Hollywood mogul Steven Spielberg and talkshow queen Oprah Winfrey, who had been repeatedly reported by specialist celebrity news sites as being on the invite list.

Hillary Clinton's boss, President Barack Obama, was not there -- he says he wasn't actually invited and that in any case two presidents would be one too many at a wedding.

Many other details remained sketchy, but it was reported that the betrothed had an interfaith wedding, since Chelsea, 30, is a Methodist and Mezvinsky, 32, is Jewish.



The ceremony was officiated jointly by Rabbi James Ponet, a Jewish chaplain at Yale, and the Reverend William Shillady, a Methodist minister from New York City, the reports said.

Chelsea wore a Vera Wang dress, and the couple exchanged vows under a gazebo of white flowers.

Security and secrecy were so tight that only journalists were allowed to approach the outskirts of the estate -- and even then only if they were on foot.

From the pen erected to control journalists near the entrance to Astor Courts all that was visible were the speeding convoys of buses and black SUVs carrying the guests and the Clinton family to the party.

To get to the ceremony and

reception, guests, clad in tuxedos and formal gowns, were to board these chartered busses from designated Marriot and Hampton Inn hotels in neighboring towns.

A no-fly zone was also imposed, to keep away paparazzi, and enforced by a police helicopter that buzzed noisily over the idyllic, wooded area.

A short distance from Astor Courts in the town of Rhinebeck, throngs of well-wishers gathered at the main cross-roads.

Reports from gossip websites such as TMZ and tabloids like New York's Daily News painted a picture of an extraordinarily lavish occasion likely to cost three to five million dollars. Given the secrecy, however, that could not be immediately confirmed.

Soi leads 5,000m sweep as Kenya reclaim African title



(L-R) Kenyans Kiptoo Mark, Soy Edwin and Yator Vincent celebrate after their finish in the first, second and third position in the 5000M men final.

NAIROBI (AFP) - Olympic bronze medallist Edwin Soi lead a Kenyan sweep of the men's 5,000m as the hosts collected five more gold on the final day to top the standings and reclaim the African athletics championships title here on Sunday.

Soi snatched victory ahead of compatriots Vincent Yator and Mark Kiptoo as the hosts swept the podium for the sec-

ond time following their success in the men's 800 metres.

Kenya rounded up their most successful championships when they also took the men's 4x400m relay to add to the women's 20km walk race and steeplechase and the men's 1,500m.

The hosts claimed 10 gold, seven silver and eight bronze for a total of 25 medals, seven more than Nigeria with 18 -

eight gold, five silver and five bronze - and former champions South Africa who collected 19, six of them gold.

However, Kenya's world 800m silver medallist Janeth Jepkosgei was beaten into second place by Algeria's rising star Zahra Bouras, who stormed past the tiring Kenyan in the 60 metres to breast the tape in 2:00.22.

Taiwan's Tseng edges Hull for British Open title



Yani Tseng of Taiwan (C) accepts the trophy after winning the Ricoh Women's British Open golf championship at The Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, on August 1, 2010. She finished 11 under par after the final round. Tseng, 21, who led by four shots overnight, edged Australia's Katherine Hull by just one stroke to win the British Open at Royal Birkdale on Sunday to claim her third Major title.

Argentina still to line-up Maradona successor

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina have yet to approach any potential successors to take charge of the national team following the bitter departure of Diego Maradona, manager Carlos Bilardo said on Sunday.

"Julio Grondona (the Argentina Football Association) president has spoken to nobody and has told me nothing," said Bilardo. "We are waiting. Anything could happen."

Maradona accused Grondona and Bilardo of deceit

and betrayal, blaming the pair for plotting his downfall last week.

"Grondona lied to me. Bilardo betrayed me," Maradona claimed after his colourful and controversial reign as Argentina coach came to an abrupt end.

But Bilardo has dismissed the claims of the man who was part of his 1986 World Cup-winning team.

"I am sure it's not him who is guilty, but his entourage. I defended and I will continue to defend Maradona to the death," said Bilardo.

Phelps confident as London 2012 gathers momentum

IRVINE, California (AFP) - US swim star Michael Phelps, who won eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and six more at the 2004 Athens Games, takes his next strokes toward the 2012 London Olympics starting Tuesday.

Phelps is among more than 30 Olympians set to compete at the US National Swim Championships, a five-day meet that serves as the selection for the Pan Pacific Championships at Irvine on August 18-22.

The Pan Pacific showdown against top rivals from Australia, Japan and more than 20 other countries will be used with the US nationals results to decide an American

squad for the 2011 World Swim Championships in Shanghai, the last major global showdown before the London Olympics.

Phelps has not yet decided exactly what events he might contest in England, except to say he will not try to win eight races again, but the first clues to his London lineup might be seen in the next three weeks.

Among the other US stars looking to secure national titles and spots at the Pan Pacific and 2011 worlds include Olympians Ryan Lochte, Aaron Peirsol, Natalie Coughlin, Rebecca Soni, Jason Lezak, Amanda Beard, Katie Hoff and Cullen Jones.

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Aussie Appleby fires 59, only fifth on US PGA Tour



WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (AFP) - Australian Stuart Appleby fired only the fifth round of 59 in US PGA Tour history on Sunday, the first by a non-US player, to take the clubhouse lead at the Greenbrier Classic.

Appleby birdied the last three holes, giving him nine birdies and an eagle in a round of 11-under par 59, to complete 72 holes on 22-under 258 for a one-stroke lead over Jeff Overton with the American having two holes to play.

The only prior 59s in US PGA history were all by Americans - Al Geiberger in 1977, Chip Beck in 1991, David Duval in 1999 and Paul Goydos just three weeks ago at the John Deere Clasic.

Appleby has not won a

title since the 2006 Houston Open and seeks his ninth US PGA victory overall at the inaugural edition of the six million-dollar event.

Appleby birdied the second, then began a run of four birdies at the fourth and added another at the ninth, his eighth consecutive 3 on a hole pushing him into contention.

The Aussie eagled the par-5 12th and added a birdie at the 16th to share the lead. A 10-foot birdie at the par-5 17th put Appleby on 10-under and when he curled in another 10-foot birdie at the par-3 18th hole, he joined the 59 club.

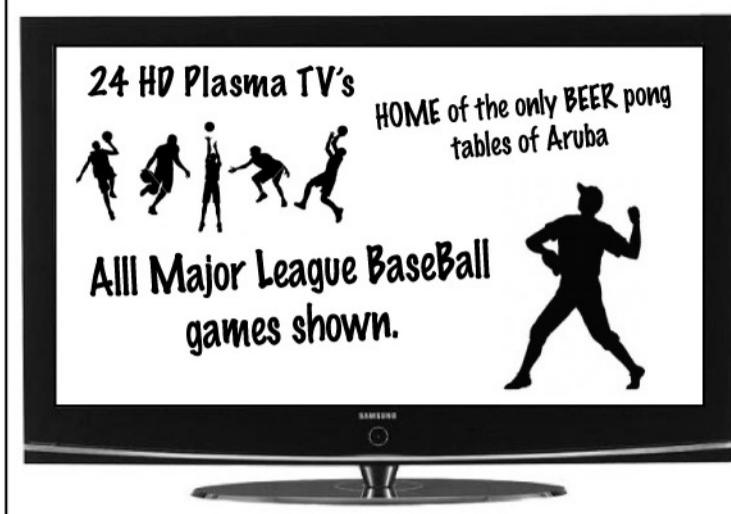
Appleby, ranked 159th in the world, played Saturday with D.A. Points, who made a run at a 59 before settling for a 61.

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Yankees deal for pitcher, slugger and drop Park

NEW YORK (AFP) - The reigning World Series champion New York Yankees completed deals for Houston slugger Lance Berkman and Cleveland pitcher Kerry Wood ahead of Major League Baseball's non-waiver trade deadline Saturday.

One deal brings the Yankees a new designated hitter and four million dollars from the Astros in exchange for relief pitcher Mark Melancon and minor leaguer Jim Paredes.

The other gives New York a 33-year-old right-handed reliever who joins Joba Chamberlain as a set-up man for superstar closing relief pitcher Mariano Rivera in exchange for money or a player to be named later.

South Korean veteran right-handed pitcher Park Chan Ho was designated for assignment to the minor-leagues by the Yankees to make room for Wood, likely ending his tenure with the club.

Berkman, 34, is batting .245 with 13 home runs and 49 runs batted in with 70 strikeouts and 60 walks. He fills a hole that has nagged

the Yankees when Nick Johnson went out in May with a right wrist injury.

"If there are teams that still want me to play for them, that makes me feel pretty good," Berkman said. "I still have confidence that I could play at a high level."

Berkman, who had to waive a no-trade clause to finalize the deal, has 7.15 million dollars remaining to be paid on a 14.5 million-dollar contract, but the Astros payment means the Yankees will only pay 3.15 million of that total.

The deal came a day after the Yankees added outfielder Austin Kearns from Cleveland, where he was hitting .272 with eight homers and 42 runs batted in.

"They are both great guys," Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "It's going to be good for the clubhouse."

Other playoff contenders raced Saturday afternoon's deadline to make deals without having to waive a player, meaning they would be available to be claimed by any club.

St. Louis, leading the Na-

tional League Central division, obtained right-handed pitcher Jake Westbrook from struggling Cleveland and sent outfielder Ryan Ludwick to San Diego, the NL West division leaders.

Westbrook, 32, was 6-7 with a 4.65 earned-run average for the Indians while Ludwick, 32, batted .281 with 11 homers and 43 runs batted in.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, trailing San Diego by seven games at third in the NL West, obtained southpaw pitcher Ted Lilly from the Chicago Cubs along with Ryan Theriot and 2.5 million dollars in exchange for infielder Blake DeWitt and minor-leaguers Kyle Smit and Brett Wallach.

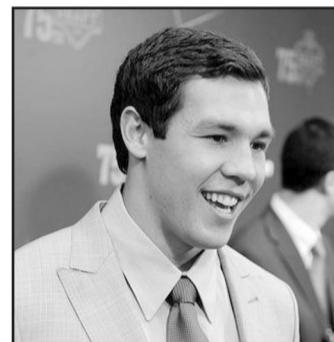
"We've been looking to improve our rotation and with Ted we feel like we've got a very good group of starting pitchers for the stretch run," said Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti.

Arizona sent right-handed relief pitcher Chad Qualls to Tampa Bay and made a multi-player deal with Pittsburgh, obtaining outfielder Ryan Church in the highlight of a five-player swap.

San Francisco, second in the NL West behind San Diego, made a move as well, the Giants obtaining 33-year-old left-handed relief pitcher Javier Lopez from Pittsburgh in exchange for pitcher Joe Martinez and outfielder John Bowker.

The Giants, seeking their first playoff berth since 2003, hope for some help from Lopez, who is 2-2 with a 2.79 earned-run average in 38 2/3 innings.

Rams pay record riches for top pick Bradford



ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AFP) – Quarterback Sam Bradford joined the St. Louis Rams on Saturday after agreeing to a record-setting six-year deal for 78 million dollars, including a record 50-million-dollar guaranteed payout.

The deal, finalized late Friday, sends the top pick in last April's National Football League Draft into camp as the main hope for a club that went 1-15 last season and has a 6-42 record over the past three campaigns.

St. Louis had the most anemic offensive output in the NFL last season at 10.9 points a game on average,

Webber wins in Hungary, takes championship lead



Hungaroring circuit on August 01, 2010 in Budapest, after the Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix. Red Bull's Australian driver Mark Webber won the race ahead of Ferrari's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso and Red Bull's German driver Sebastian Vettel. Webber's win lifted him to 161 points in the title race and ahead of 2008 champion Lewis Hamilton of McLaren, who was forced to retire with gearbox problems, on 157 points.



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Marquez decisions Diaz to keep crown, wants Pacquiao



Juan Manuel Marquez of Mexico celebrates after defeating Juan Diaz of the US during their WBA-WBO lightweight World championship bout in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez kept his World Boxing Association lightweight throne on Saturday with a unanimous 12-round decision over Juan Diaz, then called out Filipino star Manny Pacquiao.

Marquez took a rematch of a slugfest from last year by judges' scores of 118-110, 117-111 and 116-112, improving the 36-year-old fighter's record to 51-5 with one drawn. Diaz fell to 35-4.

Marquez twice lost to Pacquiao and while the Asian superstar has been unable to land a blockbuster fight with unbeaten US veteran Floyd Mayweather, Marquez is hoping he might have a chance at a third swing in the ring with "Pac-Man".

"The trilogy is what I want. It's what the people

want," Marquez said. "I will be ready for another fight in December, hopefully Pacquiao."

While Pacquiao looks to fight Mexican Antonio Margarito in November, Marquez said his hunger to face the Filipino legend is greater than his desire to rule as World Boxing Association and World Boxing Organization lightweight king.

"That's true. That fight is more important for me," Marquez said.

Marquez dispatched Diaz in the ninth round in February of last year and this time was faced with a more tactical boxer-styled foe. The result, however, was the same.

"That first fight was a war. This was a bit more tactical," Marquez said. "He wanted to box a bit more but we came out ahead. He's a great fighter. He knows some technique. But tonight technique was in our favor."

Marquez staggered Diaz with a left uppercut in the fourth round, cut the challenger's lower lip in the ninth and owned the fight almost from start to finish. Having lost four of his past six fights and with plans to start law school in October, Diaz might be looking at the end of his ring career at age 26.

Since losing to Marquez in his hometown of Houston, Diaz split two fights against countryman Paul Malignaggi, winning a unanimous decision last August but losing by unanimous decision four months later.

The only fight for Marquez since beating Diaz some 17 months ago came last September when he stepped up to welterweight and lost to undefeated US star Floyd Mayweather by unanimous decision.

Tiger plans return to Dubai for 2011 Desert Classic

ORLANDO (AFP) - World number one Tiger Woods announced on his website Sunday that he will compete at the 2011 Dubai Desert Classic, hoping to claim his third title in the European PGA Tour event.

Woods won in 2006 and 2008 and has never fared worse than fifth in five appearances at the 1.9 million-Euro tournament at Emirates Golf Club.

"The level of competition has always been extremely high, so I know I'll have to play my best golf if I'm going to regain my title," Woods said.

"It's a great venue, the course is always in immaculate condition and the weather reminds me of back home in Florida."

Woods missed the chance to defend his crown in 2009 while still recovering from left knee surgery following his 2008 US Open victory.

This year he was in the midst of a five-month layoff in the wake of an adultery scandal when the Dubai event was played.

Woods, 34, will play in this week's World Golf Championships event at Akron, Ohio, and next week's PGA Championship at Kohler, Wisconsin, but has yet to announce the remainder of his 2010 plans.

Woods has won 14 major titles, four shy of the record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus, but has not won a major since the 2008 US Open.

"We are naturally delighted and proud that Tiger Woods has agreed to join us," said Mohamed Juma Buamaim, chief executive of Golf in Dubai.

"For us to be able to welcome him to the Majlis Course for the sixth time in 10 years is a major boost for golf in the Middle East, especially Dubai."

"With Tiger, who transcends all races, ages and gender, in the field, we are pretty confident that the 2011 Omega Dubai Desert Classic will create a buzz on the global stage. After all, he's Tiger Woods for a reason."

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Pavlyuchenkova captures Istanbul title



ISTANBUL (AFP) - Russian third seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the highest-ranked teenager in the world, defeated compatriot Elena Vesnina 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 on Sunday to capture the Istanbul WTA title.

It was the 19-year-old's second career trophy after Monterrey earlier this season.

But she had to do it the hard way taking victory after three hours and 10 minutes on court in the final.

Vesnina, who celebrated her 24th birthday on Sunday, came into Istanbul on a seven-match losing streak, having not won a match on the Tour since Charleston in April.

She won four in a row to reach the Istanbul final, her third career title match after runner-up finishes last year at Auckland (to Elena Dementieva) and New Haven (to Caroline Wozniacki).

The top two seeds in Istanbul fell early, with No.2 seed Petra Kvitova losing to Anastasiya Sevastova and top seed and reigning French Open champion Francesca Schiavone falling second round to Elena Baltacha.



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